

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA  
STATESVILLE DIVISION  
DOCKET NO. 5:17-cv-00016-MOC-DSC

RUTH HECKMAN )  
MIRANDA RUSSELL, )  
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Plaintiffs,      )  
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Vs.                )                           ORDER  
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ROBERT NEAL HATFIELD, )  
                  )  
Defendant.        )

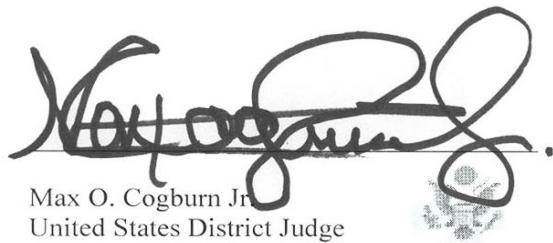
**THIS MATTER** is before the court on defendant's Motion to Dismiss pursuant to Rule 12(b)(6). Having considered defendant's motion and reviewed the pleadings, the court enters the following Order.

**ORDER**

**IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED** that defendant's Motion to Dismiss pursuant to Rule 12(b)(6) (#8) is **DENIED**.

Defendant shall Answer the Complaint within 14 days.

Signed: September 5, 2017



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Max O. Cogburn Jr.  
United States District Judge